

Willmar Public Schools
2023--2024

Annual Integrated Pest Management Pesticide Notification

Willmar Public Schools uses a licensed, professional pest control service firm for the prevention and control of rodents, insects, and other pests in and around the district's buildings.

Pests can sting, bite, cause contamination, damage property, and spread disease; therefore, we must prevent their presence and control them as necessary. The district or outside contractors may also apply herbicides on district properties, as deemed necessary.

The long-term health effects on children from the application of such pesticides may not be fully understood. All pest control materials are chosen and applied according to labeling directions per Federal law.

To limit the potential pesticide exposure, the district follows safety regulations to ensure pesticides are applied properly. All pesticide products, which are used in and around school buildings, are required to be registered with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In addition, school employees and certified and licensed applicators are required by state and federal law to comply with all requirements of the pesticide label, including building sites, application rates, re-entry intervals, posting, use of personal protective equipment, use restrictions, and disposal on the product label. An estimated schedule of pesticide applications is available for review or copying at the district office.

To be notified about pesticide applications or the management plan, please contact Aaron Pilarski, Buildings & Grounds Manager at (320) 231-8530

AHERA Annual Asbestos Notification

As a result of federal legislation (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act-AHERA), each primary and secondary school in the nation is required to complete a stringent inspection for asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos-containing building material.

The Willmar Public Schools has had an Asbestos inspection and management plan prepared for all buildings in the district. These plans are available for public inspection Monday through Friday during regular school days and normal school hours in the District Office. The required six month surveillance have been conducted to inspect the asbestos containing materials for change in condition. Any changes have been and will be noted on Periodic Surveillance Forms found in the Asbestos Management Plan. Also, the required three-year re-inspection of the asbestos containing materials has been conducted by an accredited inspector. An Operation and Maintenance program has been implemented by Willmar Public Schools and will continue to keep the asbestos containing materials located in the building in good condition.

Short-term workers (contractors who work in the school) must be provided with information regarding the asbestos in the school building prior to beginning work. If parents, staff, or students have any questions or concerns, please contact Aaron Pilarski, Buildings & Grounds Manager at (320) 231-8530.

Indoor Air Quality Annual Notification

Willmar Public Schools has an Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Management Plan. The management plan outlines specific policies and procedures that will be used in the district to address indoor air quality issues. IEA, the District's health and safety consultant, completes annual IAQ assessments within the school to ensure proper air quality.

If you have any questions concerning IAQ, or would like to use the EPA Tools for Schools checklists, please contact the District IAQ coordinator:

Aaron Pilarski, Buildings & Grounds Manager at (320) 231-8530

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Lead-in-Water Annual Notification: 2023 – 2024 School Year

Minnesota Statute 121A.335 requires public school buildings serving pre-kindergarten through grade 12 to test for lead in water every 5 years. This Statute also requires schools districts to make the results of the testing available to the public for review and notify parent of the availability of the information. Notification may be accomplished by publishing a statement in the "Student Handbook" newsletter or publication this is available to staff, students, parents and the public. Willmar Public Schools have historically conducted and continues to conduct Lead in Drinking Water testing per the Minnesota Department of Health guidelines.

Willmar Public Schools is committed to providing a safe working and learning environment for employees and students. The district has developed a Lead in Water management plan and testing program that complies with the Minnesota Statute 121A.335, as well as Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), and Minnesota Department of Education (MDE)

For more information on Willmar Public Schools lead reduction program and testing results, please contact Aaron Pilarski, Buildings & Grounds Manager at (320) 231-8530.